आधुनिकीकरण करने के लिए राज्य सरकार से कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

Sick NTC Mills in Maharashtra and Gujarat

3468. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the sick NTC mills in Maharashtra and Gujarat to be taken up for modernisation and revival under the Rs. 2005 crore modernisation plan for sick NTC mills;

(b) which other NTC mills are to be taken up for modernisation under the plan; and

(c) the steps being taken to expedite implementation of the plan?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) to (c) On account of their net worth erosion, 8 out of the 9 subsidiaries of NTC including NTC (MN), NTC (SM) and NTC (Guj.) Ltd. have been referred to the BIFR. Government approved a revised Turn Around Plan for NTC (MN), NTC (SM) & NTC (Guj.) Ltd., which envisages modernisation of 23 mills under NTC (MN) and NTC (SM) in Maharashtra and nine mills under NTC (Gujarat). Apart from these 32 mills in Maharashtra and Gujarat, 47 more mills under NTC are to be modernised under the Rs. 2005 crore modernisation plan. The funds for modernisation have to be raised from sale of surplus lands and assets. Due to the reluctance of the State Govt. of Maharashtra to approve the sale of the surplus lands of the Mumbai mills, from where more than 80% of the sale proceeds are estimated, and since the BIFR has not yet approved the package, the Turn Around Plan could not be taken up till date. In this background, the NTC has reviewed the unit-wise viability keeping in view the concessions agreed to by the Government in 1995 and the concept of net worth becoming positive. The report of the NTC is presently under consideration of the Government.

Steps taken for the promotion on Handloom Industry in Orissa

3469. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government for promotion and development of handloom industry in Orissa; and

(b) the funds allocated by Government in this regard during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) and (b) There is no State-wise allocation of funds under the Handloom Development Schemes. However, funds to the tune of Rs. 776.83 lakhs were released to the Government of orissa during 1996-97 under various Handloom Development Schemes for promotion of handloom industry.

Amount Spent on the Development of Handicrafts

3470. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent, State-wise on the development of handicrafts during the last three years; and

(b) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government for the development of handicrafts in the rural areas of the country particularly in the State of Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) The total amount of grant released, State-wise, for the development of handicrafts during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 is given in the enclosed statement. (*see* below).